Reviewer's report

Title: A systematic review of what studies report when describing evidence-based practice educational interventions: Stage 1 of the development of a reporting guideline.

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Reviewer: Hudson Birden

Reviewer's report:

1. Is the question posed by the authors well defined? yes
2. Are the methods appropriate and well described? yes
3. Are the data sound? Apparently so
   Authors state (p. 7) that reference lists were screened (ancestry). How about citations (progeny)?
   Was there a review protocol? Was it registered?
   A figure showing publication frequency over time (verbally described on p. 9-10) would be interesting.
   State reason(s) why the Spanish studies (p. 14) were excluded
   Source of funding for this review?
4. Does the manuscript adhere to the relevant standards for reporting and data deposition? Yes. Some data missing from abstract, but not critical
5. Are the discussion and conclusions well balanced and adequately supported by the data? yes
6. Are limitations of the work clearly stated? yes
7. Do the authors clearly acknowledge any work upon which they are building, both published and unpublished? Yes
   I wish the academic librarians had been authors, not merely acknowledgments. The intellectual input of research librarians (those who collaborate with other authors develop search strings and search strategies) to systematic reviews is essential and should be appropriately credited
8. Do the title and abstract accurately convey what has been found? yes
9. Is the writing acceptable? Yes. See minor suggestions for clarification below;
   P. 11 2nd sentence under Information items reported with low frequency needs clarification. Change ‘included’ to including’?
   p. 15 ‘detailed guidance on the breadth’
Conclusion 2nd sentence, ‘provide’ singular (delete ‘s’)

**Level of interest:** An article of importance in its field

**Quality of written English:** Needs some language corrections before being published

**Statistical review:** No, the manuscript does not need to be seen by a statistician.

**Declaration of competing interests:**

'I declare that I have no competing interests'